

Guide to the

# Anita Arden scrapbooks

1920-1996 [bulk 1938-1948] \*T-Mss 2000-041

# **Summary**

Creator: Arden, Anita, 1916-

Title: Anita Arden scrapbooks

**Date:** 1920-1996 [bulk 1938-1948]

Size: 1 linear foot (1 box)

Source: Scrapbooks: gift, Liz Goldwyn, 11/02/2000

**Abstract:** Anita Arden, burlesque actress, (born Feb. 1916), married British film star Guy Middleton on May 7, 1949. She appeared in musical revues and clubs mainly in New York City, but also toured Europe in the late 1930s, with the U.S.O. during World War II and with Gypsy Rose Lee and others after the war. Arden also appeared in the film MALAGA with her husband. Contains scrapbook pages of mostly mounted photographs with handwritten identifications reflecting Arden's stage career as well as travel and family. There are many portraits of Arden and also a few printed items including handwritten song lyrics and a curriculum vitae.

Preferred citation: Anita Arden scrapbooks, Billy Rose Theatre Division, The New York Public Library

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# **Key Terms**

**Subjects** Burlesque (Theater) Showgirls

# **Genre/Physical Characteristic** Photographs

## Names

Arden, Anita, 1916-Lee, Gypsy Rose, 1914-1970